(g) what steps have been taken to change the base year of index?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Some suggestions on the subject have been received by this Ministry from the interested groups.

(c) to (g) This forms a part of the review of the drug policy presently being undertaken by the Government.

Findings of Shankaran Committee on drugs

2225. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has promised revision in norms to the drug industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that norms were studied by Shankaran Committee and that such a study has no basis;

(c) what are the details of findings of the Committee on norms;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has come across number of errors of omission and commission in the findings of the Committee; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken to review the position and initiate action against the Committee fo mis-representation of facts?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The requisite information has been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1343 answered on 20-8-1990.

(d) and (e) The entire drug policy is under review.

Shortcomings in the findings of the Murthy Committee on drugs

2226. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the necessity to appoint Murthy Committee;

(b) what were the basis on which the members of the Committee were appointed and what are the qualifications and experience each enjoys in line with the job assigned to them;

(c) what are the details of the findings of the Committee and what action has been taken thereon;

(d) whether it is a fact that the members of the Committee were appointed in consultation with on approval of the drug industry;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has reviewed the findings of the Committee and found that these were to please the drug producers;

(f) if so, what are the details of the review;

(g) whether his Ministry propose to take any action against the Committee; and

(h) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (h) Information to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Recovery of Unintended Benefit from the Importers of Penicillin

2227. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the outlines of the policy settled by his Ministry for import of Penicillin G/V Ist Crystals;

(b) when was the policy announced and with what objective and how the objectives are expected to be achieved;

(c) what are the names of companies which have imported Penicillin G/V in the past four years with out lifting of indigenous production;

(d) what steps have been taken to collect unintended benefit from those who did not lift indigenous Penicillin or lifted less quantities in the past;

(e) whether his Ministry has worked out the details of those parties who were allowed imports without indigenous lifting of penicillin as per the policy;

(f) if so, what are the names of the parties, quantity allowed for import and the quantity not lifted as required; and

(g) what steps have been taken to recover unintended benefit?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) A copy of the Press Note issued in this connection giving the salient features of the policy is enclosed as statement. (See below)

(b) The policy was announced in the Ist Week of June 1990. Main objective of the policy is to utilise the indigenously produced pen. 'C', which is to be achieved through its strict implementation.

(c), (e) and (f) Information is being compiled and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(d) and (g) Action against such companies for violating the conditions of the Import is under consideration of the Government.

Statement

PRESS NOTE

The Penicillin G-First crystal Allocation Policy for the year 1990-91 has been framed taking into account the increase in the indigenous production of Penicillin by the two public sector understaking, IDPL and HAL. In view of the higher indigenous production, the ratio of imported Penicillin-G to indigenous Penicillin-G has been